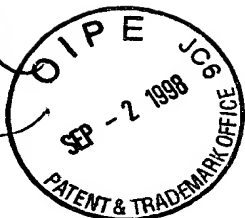


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
House et al )  
Serial No.: 08/689,518 )  
Filed: August 9, 1996 )  
For: **METHOD OF SEALING A** )  
**MANHOLE RISER AND A CATCH** )  
**BASIN AND APPARATUS FOR SAME** )

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

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Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Advisory Action mailed August 11, 1998, setting a three-month period for response, from the mailing date of the Final Office Action mailed on March 3, 1998, expiring on June 3, 1998. A three-month extension, expiring September 3, 1998, has been requested. This amendment is submitted in lieu of the amendment filed May 5, 1998. Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 30-33 and 38 to 41.

Please amend claims 26 and 34 to read as set forth below:

26. (Thrice amended) A method of sealing a manhole riser of the type having a base, a top adjusting ring and a bottom adjusting ring, the manhole riser having a height defined from the base of the bottom adjusting ring to the top edge of the top adjusting ring, said method comprising the steps of:

- 5 (a) providing a band of elastomeric material, said band having a height at least equal to the height of the manhole riser, wherein said band includes [an] a mastic adhesive around an inner surface thereof for bonding said elastomeric band to said top

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